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SUBJECT: REFUGEE PROGRAM: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:
GUSTAVO WESTERKAMP

TO: THE HONORABLE DON BONKER
CHAIRMAN SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS
AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

IN THE PAST, YOU HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE CASE OF
GUSTAVO WESTERKAMP, AND ARGENTINE CITIZEN WHO HAS BEEN
IMPRISONED IN ARGENTINA.

ON AUGUST 19, AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL SPOKE BY TELEPHONE WITH
GUSTAVO AND WAS INFORMED THAT HE WAS RELEASED ON THAT DATE.
THIS DEVELOPMENT RESULTED FROM AN OFFICIAL DECREE ISSUED
ON AUGUST 11 ORDERING RELEASE OF 29 PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN
IMPRISONED UNDER STATE OF SIEGE LAWS OF THE ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT'S EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

GUSTAVO WESTERKAMP IS NOW UNDER CONDITIONAL LIBERTY (SIMILAR
TO PAROLE STATUS IN THE UNITED STATES). THE ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT USUALLY MAINTAINS SUPERVISED LIBERTY FOR
ABOUT SIX TO NINE MONTHS, AFTER WHICH COMPLETE FREEDOM
IS GRANTED.

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LIBERTY IS NORMALLY GRANTED. SHOULD HE NOW WISH TO LEAVE
ARGENTINA, WHILE STILL UNDER SUPERVISED LIBERTY, HE

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WILL HAVE TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT
OF ARGENTINA BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. SHOULD HE WISH TO
PURSUE HIS INTENTION TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES, THE
EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

SINCERELY,

HARRY W. SHLAUDEMAN
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

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